

# LEBANON



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## History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership<sup>1</sup> (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with the Parliament of Lebanon in March 2006. HDP's work has focused on areas of independent legislative research and analysis, legislative oversight, committee operations, constituent relations and staff development. Since 2006, HDP has conducted congressional staff visits to Lebanon, and training in the U.S. for Lebanese members of parliament and their staff.



## HDP Engagement with the Parliament of Lebanon

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** Between 2007 and 2019, MPs from the Parliament of Lebanon have participated in three seminars in Washington, DC focused on the organization and operation of public committee hearings, the importance of committee oversight, legislative ethics, the role of a committee chairperson, and the support members receive from agencies, such as the Congressional Research Service (CRS), the Office of the U.S. House Clerk, and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).
- **Staff Seminars:** Between 2007 and 2015, parliamentary staff have participated in eight staff seminars focused on committee operations and oversight; organizing, preparing and conducting public hearings; policy analysis process; legislative research, analysis and drafting; and congressional budget drafting and analysis.
- **Assessment Mission:** In 2019, HDP led an assessment mission to explore opportunities for continued engagement with the Parliament of Lebanon. The assessment mission included meetings with the Speaker and parliamentary representatives, in addition to leaders from civil society and the media.

## HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has led four U.S. Congressional delegation visits to Lebanon.
  - July 2006
  - May 2007
  - November 2009
  - September 2011

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<sup>1</sup> At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.